

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A hard capsule in which an inorganic substance is contained with a drug filled therein.
2. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 1, wherein ~~base material of the hard capsule is~~ comprises gelatin as a base material.
3. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein the inorganic substance contained therein is ~~any one or more than~~ at least one member selected from the group consisting of hydrated aluminum silicate, synthetic aluminum silicate, light anhydrous silicic acid, hydrated silicon dioxide, and magnesium aluminometasilicate.
4. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim ~~1 or 2~~ 3, wherein the inorganic substance is magnesium aluminometasilicate.
5. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 2, wherein the quantity of inorganic substance is within the range of 0.1 to 100 weight % of the drug filled within.
6. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2, wherein the drug filled in the hard capsule is in solid or semisolid form.
7. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 6, wherein said solid and or semisolid drug is in the form of a fine granule or granule.

8. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 6, wherein the drug filled within the hard capsule is applied with a functional coating.

9. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 7, wherein the functional coating ~~to be applied to the drug~~ is an enteric coating.

10. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 7, wherein the functional coating ~~to be applied to the drug~~ is a gastric coating.

11. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 6, wherein the drug filled ~~within~~ in the hard capsule is a composition of comprising a drug applied with a functional coating and a drug without functional coating.

12. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 11, wherein the ratio of the composition of a drug applied with functional coating and a drug without a functional coating is within the range of 3:7 to 7:3 ~~in~~ by weight.

13. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 6, wherein the drug filled within the hard capsule is a composition of comprising a drug applied with an enteric coating and a drug applied with a gastric coating.

14. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 13, wherein the ratio of the composition of the drug applied with an enteric coating to the drug applied with a gastric coating is within the range of 3:7 to 7:3 ~~in~~ by weight.

15. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ claim 2, wherein the drug filled in the hard capsule is a penem antibiotic.

16. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 15, wherein the penem antibiotic filled in the hard capsule is (+)-(5R,6S)-6-[(R)-1-hydroxyethyl]-7-oxo-3-[(R)-2-tetrahydrofuryl]-4-thia-1-aza-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~and or~~ a derivative thereof[[,]] or a pharmacologically acceptable salt of a derivative thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 15, wherein [[a]] the penem antibiotic filled in the hard capsule is (5-methyl-2-oxo-1,3-dioxolene-4-yl)methyl (5R,6S)-6-[(R)-1-hydroxyethyl]-7-oxo-3-[(R)-2-tetrahydrofuryl]-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]hept-2-ene-2-carboxylate.

18. (Original) A hard capsule according to any one of claims 15 to 17, wherein the quantity of inorganic substance is within the range of 1 to 100 by weight% of the penem antibiotic filled within.

19. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 17~~ claim 18, wherein the quantity of inorganic substance is within the range of 1 to 25 by weight% of the penem antibiotic filled within.

20. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 19~~ claim 15, wherein the penem antibiotic filled within the capsule is a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with a functional coating and a penem antibiotic without a functional coating.

21. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 20, wherein the ratio of a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with a functional coating to a

penem antibiotic without a functional coating is within the range of 5:5 to 7:3 in weight.

22. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to ~~any one of claims 15 to 19~~ claim 15, wherein the penem antibiotic filled within the hard capsule is a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with an enteric coating and a penem antibiotic applied with a gastric coating.

23. (Currently amended) A hard capsule according to claim 22, wherein the ratio of a mixture of a penem antibiotic applied with an enteric coating to a penem antibiotic applied with a gastric coating is within the range of 5:5 to 7:3 ~~in~~ by weight.